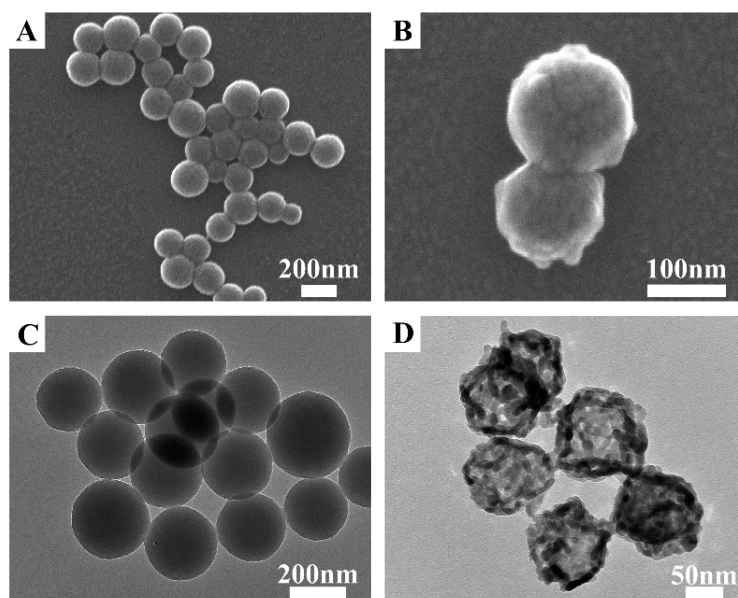
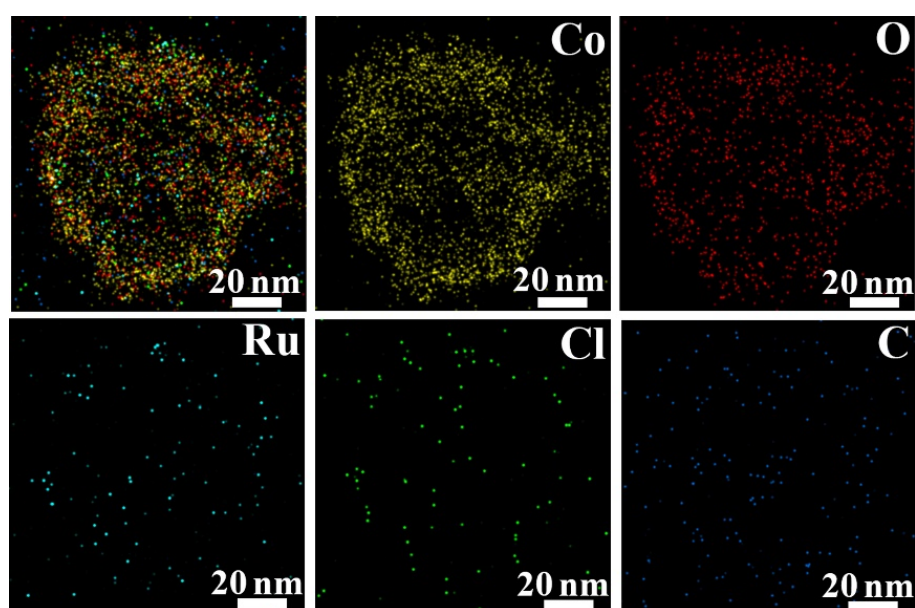


# Hollow $\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$ nanospheres modified with $\text{RuCl}_3$ as peroxidase mimics for sensitive determination of sulfide ions at neutral pH

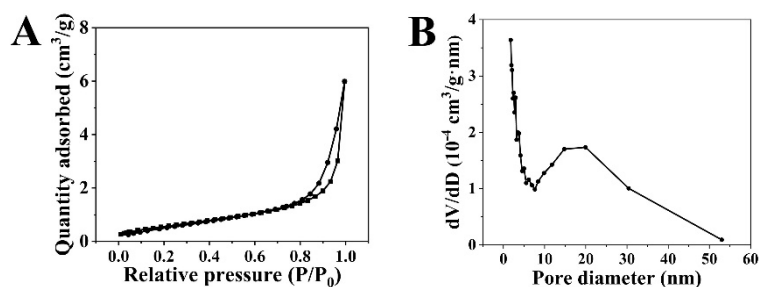
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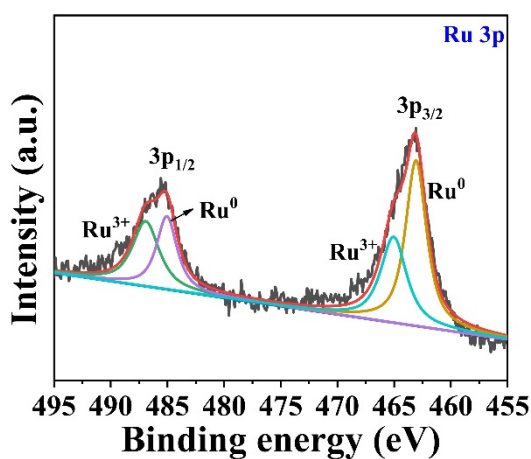
**Fig. S1.** (A) SEM and (C) TEM images of carbon nanospheres. (B) SEM and (D) TEM images of  $\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$  HNSs.



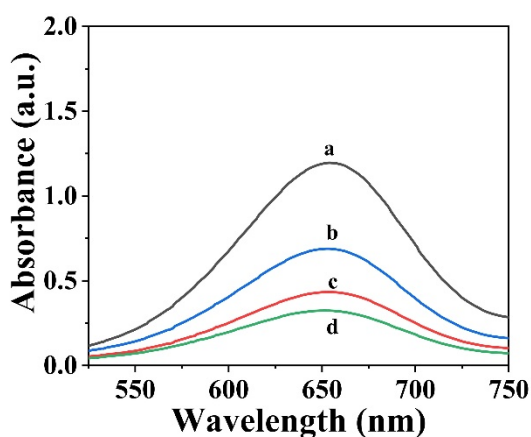
**Fig. S2.** EDX elements mapping of  $\text{Ru}^{3+}$ - $\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$  HNSs.



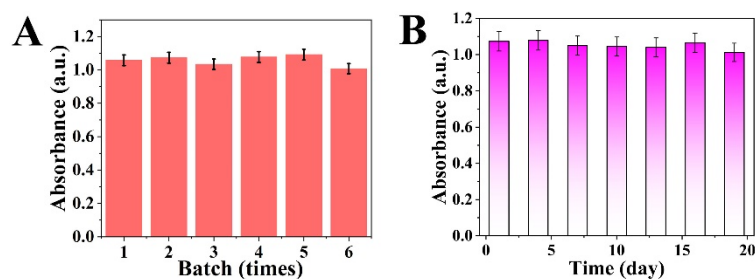
**Fig. S3.** (A)  $N_2$  adsorption-desorption isotherms of  $Co_3O_4$ . (B) Corresponding pore size distributions.



**Fig. S4.** The high resolution XPS detailed spectra of Ru 3p of  $Ru^{3+}$ - $Co_3O_4$  HNSs.



**Fig. S5.** UV-vis absorbance spectra of different reaction systems. a: TMB+ $H_2O_2$ + $Ru^{3+}$ - $Co_3O_4$  for 5 min, b: TMB+ $H_2O_2$ + $Ru^{3+}$ - $Co_3O_4$  for 5 min then removing  $Ru^{3+}$ - $Co_3O_4$  and adding  $S^{2-}$ , c: TMB+ $H_2O_2$ + $Ru^{3+}$ - $Co_3O_4$  for 5 min then adding  $S^{2-}$ , d:  $Ru^{3+}$ - $Co_3O_4$ + $S^{2-}$  for 5 min then adding TMB+ $H_2O_2$ .



**Fig. S6.** (A) Reproducibility and (B) stability of Ru<sup>3+</sup>-Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> HNSs.

**Table S1.** EDX element contents of Ru<sup>3+</sup>-Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>.

Element	Family	Atomic Fraction (%)	Atomic Error (%)	Mass Fraction (%)	Mass Error (%)	Fit error (%)
C	K	13.16	2.55	4.57	0.57	6.43
O	K	42.28	11.47	19.56	4.45	1.94
Cl	K	0.8	0.26	0.82	0.24	19.59
Co	K	43.38	9.81	73.94	12.62	0.77
Ru	L	0.38	0.11	1.11	0.27	18.55

**Table S2.** The optimum pH value of S<sup>2-</sup> was detected by different nanozymes.

Catalyst	Optimum pH value	Ref.
CuCo <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> NWs	4.0	1
ZnS NPs	4.0	2
FePPOP <sub>EPA</sub>	3.39	3
Ag-Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	3.5	4
SnTe	4.0	5
GBR	4.48	6
Fe-PPOP	3.6	7
<b>Ru<sup>3+</sup>-Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> HNSs</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>This work</b>

**Table S3.** Comparison of the apparent Michaelis constant (K<sub>m</sub>).

Catalyst	K <sub>m</sub> /mM		Ref.
	TMB	H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	

HRP	0.43	1.21	8
Mo-CQDs	0.38	0.05	9
Ru NPs	0.234	2.206	10
Pt/CuCo <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	0.24	0.41	1
NGZF	0.907	115.52	11
<b>Ru<sup>3+</sup>-Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> HNSs</b>	<b>0.39</b>	<b>0.25</b>	<b>This work</b>

**Table S4.** Comparison of different nanozymes for the colorimetric detection of S<sup>2-</sup> ions.

Material	Linear range (μM)	LOD (nM)	Ref.
βFeOOH	5-30	2190	12
Au@Ag	1.5-10	500	13
Pt/CuCo <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	0.5-10	85.9	1
Ag	0.8-6.4	350	14
Carrageenan-Silver	2.5-1000	1700	15
SA Fe/B-g-C <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub>	1-10	570	16
GMP-Cu	2-220	670	17
<b>Ru<sup>3+</sup>-Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> HNSs</b>	<b>0.5-20</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>This work</b>

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